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SUBJECT: PROTEST OVER NORTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR'S PRESS CONFERENCE
ATTACKING U.S.

1. NORTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR TO TOGO HELD PRESS CONFERENCE JULY
2 AND AGAIN ATTACKED U.S. HIS REMARKS WERE REPORTED IN "TOGO-
PRESSE" JULY 3. PRESS CONFERENCE DATE MAY BE SIGNIFICANT IN
THAT AMBASSADOR ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED THIS DAY FOR OFFICIAL
JULY 4 RECEPTION.

2. UNLESS DEPARTMENT INSTRUCTS OTHERWISE BY OPENING BUSINESS
JULY 15, EMBASSY PLANS PROTEST TO MFA. DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL
EMBASSY HAS SENT FOUR NOTES PROTESTING PUBLIC NORTH KOREAN SLANDER
AGAINST USG SINCE OCTOBER 1974. NOTES HAVE ELICITED NO RPT NO
GOT RESPONSE.

3. NORTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR REFERRED INTER ALIA TO STRUGGLE
OF PEACE-LOVING PEOPLES, CONDEMNING "POLICY OF AGRESSION AND WAR
OF US AGAINST KOREA" AND "MANEUVERS OF AMERICAN IMPERIALISTS
AND THEIR LACKEYS WHICH SEEK TO PROVOKE NEW WAR." AMBASSADOR
CHARGED FURTHER THAT "WAR-LIKE AMERICANS HAVE TRANSFORMED
SOUTH KOREA INTO POWDER KEG OF WAR." "TOGO-PRESSE" STATES THAT,
AFTER HAVING CONDEMNED VEHEMENTLY PROVOCATIVE MANEUVERS TOWARD
NEW WAR BY AMERICAN IMPERIALISTS, AMBASSADOR MENTIONED THAT
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SOLE MEANS OF AVOIDING DANGER OF WAR IN KOREA IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE

REUNIFICATION CONSISTED OF: 1) DISSOLVING UN COMMAND, 2) WITHDRAWING OF FOREIGN TROOPS UNDER UN FLAG FROM SOUTH KOREA, 3) CONVERT AMRISTICE AGREEMENT INTO PEACE AGREEMENT, CONFORMING TO 30TH UNGA RESOLUTION. ACCORDING TO PRESS AMBASSADOR STATED FURTHER NORTH KOREAN GOVERNMENT HAS DECLARED MANY TIMES IT IS READY TO CONCLUDE PEACE AGREEMENT AT ANY MOMENT WITH US ON SOLE CONDITION THAT LATTER WITHDRAWS ITS TROOPS FROM KOREA.

4. IN ABSENCE OF GOT RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS NOTES, EMBASSY THIS TIME WOULD MAKE DEMARCHE AND EMBOFF WOULD LEAVE AIDE-MEMOIRE AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE

THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA NOTES THAT THE AMBASSADOR OF THE DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE IN LOME ON JULY 2. THE AMBASSADOR'S REMARKS WERE REPORTED IN "TOGO-PRESSE" JULY 3.

THE EMBASSY FINDS INTOLERABLE THE NORTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR'S ASSERTION THAT THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA SEEKS TO PROVOKE WAR IN KOREA, AS WELL AS HIS GENERAL REFERENCE TO "WARLIKE AMERICANS."

MOREOVER, THE EMBASSY IS DISMAYED THAT THE NORTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR IS PERMITTED AT WILL TO MAKE IMPROPER AND OFFENSIVE REMARKS OF THIS CHARACTER ON TOGOLESE SOIL ABOUT ANOTHER NATION WITH WHICH THE GOVERNMENT OF TOGO MAINTAINS FRIENDLY DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS, AND FURTHER, THAT HIS LIBELS ARE REPORTED IN THE TOGOLESE GOVERNMENT PRESS.

THE EMBASSY NOTES THAT ITS PREVIOUS PROTEST AGAINST SIMILAR SLANDERS CONTAINED IN ITS NOTES NO. 62 OF OCTOBER 25, 1974; NO. 38 OF APRIL 28, 1975; NO. 43 OF MAY 22, 1975; AND NO. 105 OF NOVEMBER 14, 1975 HAVE NOT ELICITED ANY RESPONSE FROM THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. UNQUOTE

5. WHEN MAKING DEMARCHE EMBOFF WOULD HOPE TO ENCOURAGE DISCUSSION WITH APPROPRIATE MFA OFFICIAL TO COVER ENTIRE QUESTION OF KOREA IN VIEW OF FORTHCOMING NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE AND 31ST SESSION OF UNGA.
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